STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Senate

File No. 20

General Assembly

Substitute Senate Bill No. 126

February Session, 2022

Senate, March 16, 2022

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AND RELATED FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) The Joint Committee on
- 2 Legislative Management shall contract, within available appropriations,
- 3 in accordance with the provisions of section 2-71p of the general
- 4 statutes, with a qualified third-party entity for an (1) examination of the
- 5 State Capitol building, the Legislative Office Building and all other
- 6 buildings, related structures, grounds and parking facilities under the
- 7 supervision, security, utilization and control of the committee, (2)
- 8 assessment of such buildings, related structures, grounds and parking
- 9 facilities as to their accessibility for persons with disabilities, and (3)
- 10 assessment of such grounds and parking facilities as to their accessibility
- 11 and accommodations for individuals utilizing bicycles.
- 12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, such qualified third-party entity

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13 shall submit to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management (1) a

- report on the findings of such assessment, and (2) recommendations for
- 15 (A) improving such accessibility, and (B) modifications to such
- 16 buildings, related structures, grounds and parking facilities for (i)
- 17 compliance with the provisions of the federal Americans with
- 18 Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101 et seq., as amended from time to time,
- 19 and (ii) the installation of bicycle racks or other structures to
- 20 accommodate the parking of bicycles.

This act shall sections:	This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	from passage	New section			

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	60,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) to contract with a third-party entity to study and assess the State Capitol complex for its accessibility: 1) for persons with disabilities, and 2) for individuals with bicycles. In addition, the third-party entity must submit an assessment report with recommendations to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management by January 1, 2023.

It is estimated that such one-time study and would cost \$60,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above is a one-time cost.

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/04/2022)